

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John F. Acres

Serial No. 09/832,425

Examiner: Carmen D. White

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Group Art Unit: 3713

For: **METHOD FOR PROVIDING INCENTIVE TO PLAY GAMING DEVICES
CONNECTED BY A NETWORK TO A HOST COMPUTER**

Date: March 7, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed in this application on January 15, 2002.

The Examiner provisionally rejected all claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. To overcome this rejection, applicant files herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Under 37 CFR 1.321(b).

The Examiner has indicated that the foreign patent documents cited on the IDS previously submitted by Applicant have not been considered and requests that Applicant submit copies of the documents for review. Applicant encloses copies of all foreign patent documents cited on the IDS, together with a new Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed foreign patent documents.

Applicant also submits for review by the Examiner copies of additional U.S. patent documents, together with Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed U.S. patents. This is being submitted under 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with the required \$180 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p).